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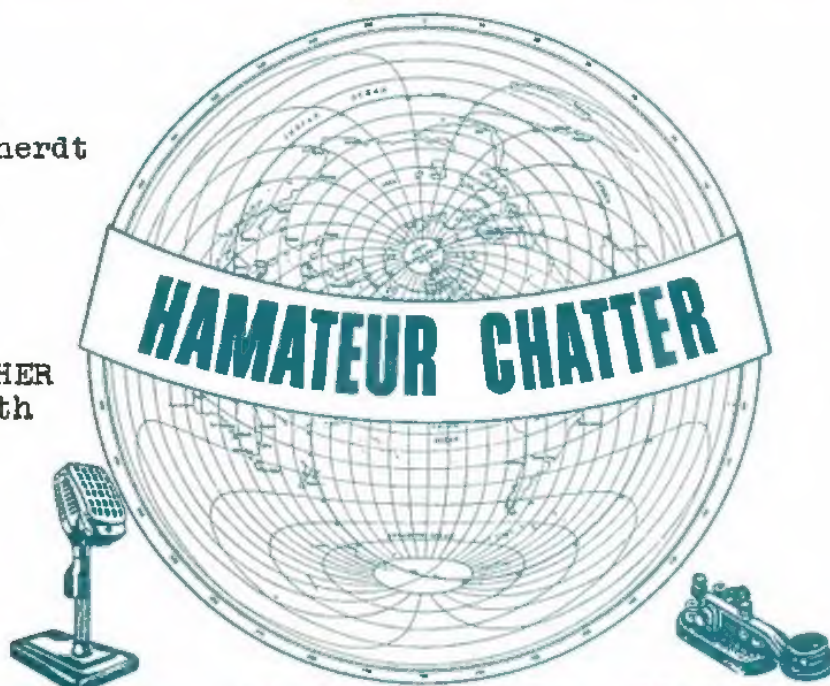
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Amateur Radio's Changing Trend

The Blue Card Survey (Dec. QST) gives us the following results: The 8000 cards received at ARRL show the following usage of our bands - CW 34.4%; AM 27.8%; SSB 23.3%; VHF 12.1%; RTTY 1.5%; FM-NFM .3% and others, Slo Scan RV, etc. .6%.

Since the last survey 12 years ago, SSB has come on the scene and now makes up 2/3 of our 20 meter use; is approaching 50-50 voice on the 15 & 75 bands. There is less 10 meter use than 12 years ago. VHF interest has doubled. These are results of the poll; it certainly was our duty and privilege to send in our Blue Cards - isn't it a crying shame that only about 8000 cards were received instead of 50 or 75 thousand?!

This brings to mind something I have been hearing more and more of as time goes by. Both off and on the air there is way too much slandering, belittling, digging, or call it what you may, of the other guy and the Mode he uses. Too many self-centered know-it-alls seem to think that our bands shud be all SSB, AM or CW, etc., and those that don't operate the same mode and have the same interest (DX, TFC, CONTESTS, VHF, etc.) as they do, shud QRT permanently and drop dead! Most of these same characters are the ones who wud never take the time to send in the above mentioned blue card to help the League form future policies. Most of these characters are the ones who have no real place or aim in amateur radio; most of these characters think ARRL is the means of getting QST and that competition in all phases of the League's activities is for the birds; that a League appointment of any kind wud tie them down. Most of these characters when chasing DX, seem to feel that they must cum first; and last but not least, most of them never heard of PICON. Instead, they spend their time in idle rag chew (needling other phases of our great hobby), tuning or calling long hairy CQs, never caring how their sigs sound. Many of them don't believe in joining the ARRL or even their local club and if they do spend a few bucks to join either, they sit back and expect to be entertained, or just criticize what the ARRL and their club is trying to accomplish!

What's the solution to this growing problem? It is certainly a growing problem! Just sit and listen to some of the nonsense you hear on the air 24 hours a day. Even at the forums of the recent Cent Div Convention, individuals were tearing apart CW or SSB, etc. I think it's up to each and every one of us to stop the bickering and harassing of this group, by proving to them the many dividends and pleasures they can gain from joining their local club and the League. Let's do our best to show them from the local level up, how they can better themselves, and their operating abilities, by getting into their local club and League activities; into the competitive phases of radio; into the great field organization of the ARRL; into DX or TFC in a serious way. I sincerely believe this group act the way they do now, because they feel they are on the outside looking in. They are, for the most part, bored, and talk and operate in this obnoxious manner for lack of anything else to do.

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By making them a working part of one or more of the phases of good ole ham radio, we will be making them feel like they belong.

In amateur radio as in our every day life, each of us must learn to get along and work with any and everyone we contact, in person or on the air. There is a useful place for each and every ham. Let's all try to show others by tolerance, patience, and cooperation, both off and on the air, what a great thing Ham Radio can continue to be.

de W9DYG

"THE ARRL COVER PLACQUE AWARD"

This award was authorized by the League's Board of Directors at the May 1961 Board Meeting.

A Brief Outline of the Award Itself - and the Conditions Under Which it will be awarded:

Each cover of every issue of QST is made from a fine plate. Frequently this plate is so engraved to permit printing the covers in color. The plate itself is always a fine example of the Plate Makers' art, and of course only one plate is used for the run of 135,000 copies of QST.

After the "run" is completed, this plate is treated with a silver coating and mounted upon a solid cherry wood plaque. Below the plate is mounted a silver plate upon which will be engraved the recipient's name and call sign.

The ARRL Public Relations Department prepares a news release to the newspapers in the recipient's city, and shortly thereafter, with fitting ceremony, the Plaque itself is presented to its owner. Since this is a "one of a kind" award, and there are only twelve each year, the significance can easily be imagined.

The selection procedure is a standard one: all League staff people whose job it is to write for QST are eliminated from the selection, and since the purpose of the award is to give recognition to the article and the author that provides a maximum of reader interest, and not be a lofty technical subject necessarily, it is easily understandable that in the past two months "test runs" have shown the July winner to have been "Twenty Five Watts - Mobile" by W6RET, and August showed the article by W2JIO on Page 36 entitled - "Transistorized auditory Grid Dip Meter". This need not dictate the type of selections in the future. The timeliness of any subject, the extent to which the author has gone to provide interesting and pertinent - and accurate - material, will be of concern.

Journalistic prowess, or composition, will not be a deciding factor and every member of ARRL will be invited to participate. In the beginning (with September '61 QST) each director, with the help of the L.O. family in each division, will gather the consensus of

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his division. This then is sent to the Merit and Awards Committee who tabulate all divisions and Canada and theirs is the final decision.

The League feels that this award, and the selection procedure itself, will eventually furnish a background of information on the type and subject matter for QST, besides making available a most unique award and unusual recognition at the local level for authors.

A quick glance through your QST, and after you have analyzed the Ads, usually finds us all going back to read up on a certain article in that issue. After you have checked through the entire issue, drop a card to your SCM, Vice Director, Assistant Director or myself - just say "I like the article on page so and so". Our division has a deadline date of the 15th of each month, so this is an opportunity for self-expression as well as saying "thanks" to the authors. It is the least we can do - because the ARRL has never paid one cent to a contributing author for any article published in QST.

Later we propose to add this selection as a Club proposition. In the meantime, we will all appreciate your cooperation.

John G. Doyle, W9GPI - Director, Central Division

MATTERS OF CONCERN TO AMATEURS

SECTIONS 12.21 D and 12.44 A of Part 12 governing amateur radio.

Eligibility for conditional class license to persons living OUTSIDE the Continental limits of the United States, for a period of at least 12 months, will be considered, even though the applicant's HOME ADDRESS is WITHIN the normal 75 mile limit.

Sufficient evidence will have to be presented by the applicant.

This change becomes effective September 6th, 1961.

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The FCC, amateur section, effective August 21, 1961 permits Maritime-Mobile operation in the frequency 14.00-14.35.

Quite a considerable amount of geography is limited under this extension, however, and REGION 2 is defined by meridians from the Great Circle Arc to the South Pole, unless you are seriously intent about going to sea learning to recognize and understanding these locators might be superfluous. This information is given you, just in the event you work a M/M, he is not operating illegally.

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The recently much publicized LICENSE FEE for amateurs appears dormant, at least for a while, mostly because the Commission is reluctant to proceed unless similar action is taken by other government agencies with respect to charging for THEIR services.

Members of Congress seem uninterested in the matter at this time. The matter may again be brought to life, we will continue to watch.

The Federal Aviation Agency has adopted new rules governing structures which constitute hazards to air navigation, and has now assumed jurisdiction over radio tower and antenna hazards, heretofore regulated by FCC. The new rules are complex in their possible application to amateur towers in the vicinity of airports, but in general produce about the same limitations as are now embodied in Section 12.60 of FCC's amateur rules. However, at the moment there IS a jurisdictional squabble over whether FAA HAS the basic authority to govern radio-tower heights. More on this, IF ANYTHING comes of the dispute, - BETTER contact me if you plan a tower and live within 6000 feet of an airport.

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Pass the word, FCC amateur section is running 75 to 90 days behind, - vacations, shorthanded-plus renewals in quantity are blamed.

Many of his local friends will be sorry to learn that William S. Grenfell, W4GF is leaving the Amateur Section of FCC. Bill was in our Section for 10 years. We are sorry to lose him, because of his knowledge and skills and his background in amateur radio. Mr. Grenfell is promoted to a key spot in the Land Transportation Division.

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Two Indiana amateurs have filed with the FCC, a petition for Rule making which would entitle EACH holder of an Amateur Extra Class license, to a two-letter call. Since this is NOT a new suggestion and similar efforts have failed, there is as yet, no indication of the outcome. In MY OWN OPINION, if it comes to an ARRL vote, it will fail to pass. I base my opinion on what has gone before, viz:

The Grandfather Clause ASSIGNS a TWO LETTER CALL to certain amateurs furnishing proof of their having held a license PRIOR to 1919.

Memorial Call Signs of two letter variety, are already held by many licensees; these could not readily be withdrawn (WIAW) type.

Changing of residence from one Call area to another by the holder of a TWO LETTER CALL has always resulted in the Amateur being recognized as ELIGIBLE for a Two Letter Call in his NEW location, either immediately, or when one became available.

All of the above are OPINIONS of the Amateur Section of FCC and in my best judgement, they will STILL apply.

A petition to FCC to simplify MOBILE LOGGING is being prepared now and will be filed with that body; there appears to be NO OBJECTION.

New NET DIRECTORIES are available from ARRL Communications Dep't. - these CROSS INDEX, By Frequency, By Alphabetical Order and By States.

They are free of charge to Clubs, to Nets, to L.O.'s.

- de Jack Doyle, W9GPI, Central Division Director -

WNA Picnic at Fond du Lac

It was a real nice affair and, am sure, was enjoyed by every one there. According to records, there were 162 registrations, making about 350 in attendance, including the kids. The weather was ideal; warm, breezy and clear. The date was July 9th and as in the past, will continue to be held the second Sunday in July.

I have no info on who won the prizes but there were plenty given away. It was the first year that this affair was sponsored by the Wisc. Nets Ass'n. In the past it was called the B.E.N. picnic.

The ladies were all given a flower made by Mrs. Potter W9VIK who is the manager of the Wisc. Slow Speed Net. The Kiddies received free toys plus their soda pop. As always, there was plenty of beer on hand. Contests held included a code copying test, mobile judging and of course the ball game between the CW and phone operators, won by the phone men. I don't have the score, but you can get it from W9DXG. Fred claims that the reason CW lost was because they enlisted the aid of Bud W9HIF as their pitcher, HI.

Members on the committee for the picnic included W9NRP, W9NGT, K9MGY, W9CBE, K9GSC, W9KZZ, W9VIK, W9VHP and W9KQB. There were others that helped this committee. It is planned to give more publicity to this event next year and perhaps hold it at a new site more suitable for the operators in the western part of the State

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MEET THE NEW MEMBER

On week ends, listen for W9FXA mobile, as he occasionally travels between Milwaukee and Wausau, his home town. JIM EFFA uses a G76 transmitter receiver and operates around 3950 KC. His wife Ruth Ann takes care of the logging as well as watching over the three children. Jim was RM of WIN in 49 and 50 and has W.A.S., O.R.S., and R.C.C. His main interest in radio is traffic. Other hobbies are golf and bowling.

COMING SOON - DON'T MISS IT

Next year is supposed to be Wausau's big hamfest. It has, in the past, been higher in attendance than the Central Division Conventions, and this is considering that limited accommodations are available. Where the 1962 Central Division Convention will be held and by whom, is still a question.

Watch for the Ground Hog Party at Watertown, the second Sunday in October. This is to be sponsored by the Jefferson County Club and as it is limited to about 150 for the banquet, all registrations must be in advance. It's a big day!

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On November 11, Saturday, the Fond du Lac Radio Amateur Club is sponsoring a banquet. This is always a big time also. Reservations should be made to the Fond du Lac Radio Club, Box 243. Price is only \$3.50.

de W9KQB
W9KQD

CHARGED CAPACITORS

Both the Wisconsin Nets Ass'n picnic July 9th and the Central Division Convention Aug. 26 & 27 were well attended by M.R.A.C. members. Both were well planned and organized with fun for all the family.

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Interest in project OSCAR has increased greatly. Let's all try and help in some way when OSCAR is launched. Write to PROJECT OSCAR, Box 183, Sunnyside, California, for copy of Oscar tracking form and details on how to assist this amateur working group.

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Don't write the ARRL - try originating a message to them with your problem or query. While you're at it, ask for a net directory. This and many other operating aids are yours upon request, free of charge.

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Get your station in order, those sky wires also, for the coming fall and winter season. Activity-wise, - George Hart's WINJM high speed code test. Refer page 76 Sept. QST. For all appointees, remember October CD tests. Last but not least, let's all start thinking about the Sweepstakes coming Nov. 11-13 and 18-20. Let's back MRAC with a big effort this year.

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Ink Bowen W9QYW publishes a fine DX bulletin and Fred W9DYG puts out a tri-monthly traffic paper for the Central Area Net. If interested, contact either, to be put on the mailing list.

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For ease of operating and convenient means for schedules, try using GMT in all ham activities. It's universal!

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Russ Burss W9RKP has an outgoing QSL Bureau that is very handy. QSL's arrive at DX stations at a lower cost and almost as fast as direct mailing. Contact Russ at next meeting for details.

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Congratulations to Dick W9GDF on attaining his amateur extra class license.

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If your QTH or phone number has changed recently, please notify K9PSU John. Your co-operation will result in an accurate Roster next time.

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Through the efforts of W9ZB, Bob Wilson, and some MRAC members, Ken Ebnetter K9GSC of Portage has been nominated for the next term of SOM. Good Luck Ken.

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Out for a ride on Sunday? Stop for a while and visit K9GHT, K8SAX, or any of the other hams stationed at Woods, 51st & National.

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Any interesting and humorous incidents lately? Why not share the story with others in the next issue of Hamateur Chatter. Send stories or notes to either editor or contact W9KQD mobile on 3950 KC at 1200 to 1300 GMT or 1700 to 1800 GMT. (7 to 8 a.m. or 12 noon to 1:00 pm).

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A new SSB net has started recently on 3985 KC. K9POL is net manager. The net meets daily at 2300 GMT (6:00 pm local time.)

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Are there any hams being called to active duty in the 32nd Division?

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The big W in the western sky for the Waunago Rodeo was aligned through the efforts of W9YFW/M Gordy; W9VSO Art; W9VBZ/M Ed and W9KQD/M.

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FOR SALE

1 Collins Ferrite Filter, 3KC Bandwidth centered on 455KC. Brand New. With Matched Crystals - \$25; Without - \$20.

1 Eimac 4CX1000A Tube, Brand New in sealed plastic envelope, \$65.

1 10-1000 MMFD Eimac Vacuum variable, \$45.

1 5-465 MMFD Eimac Vacuum Variable, \$45.

1 Computer measurements corporation Eput Counter, up to 100 KC - Direct Reading, cost new \$600; sell for \$150.

WANTED.....Plate transformer, about 6000Vac center-tapped - 115/230 primary at 1 amp DC output.

de John Korns, K9WGN

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